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As a non-US citizen materially affected by the monopolistic behaviour of Microsoft, I had hoped that the democratic processes of American would have prevailed and that the combined forces of the ordinary people could call to account the robber barons of Big Business.

I am deeply disappointed.

Not only has the Department of Justice capitulated, the settlement actively reinforces Microsoft's monopoly in Education, leaving the Department wide open to accusations of political interference or even corruption. A 'settlement' favouring the guilty as unbelievably blatant as this could only have been achieved if officials in the department had been bribed.

I'm sorry, but this affair has destroyed my faith in America as the bastion of freedom and democracy.

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